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Metro Squadrons participate in Spot Landing Contest

Members of all ages from Valley, Viking, Anoka, North Hennepin, MN Wing and 130th had a ball! The spot landing contest was close with the first place position going back and forth several times.

The contestants figured that small engines and firing into the wind ruled the day. However more than one rocket plopping on the ground and the chute ejected after impact! *Which did not count BTW. One rocket (Believe it or not) was seen flying backwards under power! Must have been all that duct tape.

We had a fair turn out of around 30 people present and a good share of observers and rocket retrievers. Custom Launch Pads, Egg carrying Rockets, Rocket Gliders, "UFO" spinning disks and all hosted by our Air Force friends made this an extra nifty event. The cold drinks went fast and we learned first hand the joy of sun warmed Gatorade. <uggh> In spite of the heat and humidity we had a lot of fun at the 2002 Rocket event.

Major Ovans USAFR hosted the event and this year (a first) announced the count down over a PA system partially provided by the US Army MARS folks.

This years winner in the spot landing contest and the holder of the traveling trophy event is Cadet Airman Brady Neumann 130th Composite with a pace count of 3! He closely edged out C/A1C Tom Lawrence who had a pace count of 7! Cadet Neumann's name will be added to Valley Cadet Squadron's C/SSgt M. Jacobsen - Last years winner.

On a personal note I want to give special thanks to folks at Anoka squadron for their help in getting my homebuilt Rocketcam Mark II (That 7 ft high yellow rocket) off the (their custom) pad. Thanks! The friendliness and spirit of cooperation of all the participants makes this event extra great.

Most of the rockets were retrieved but Mrs. Craswell's Glider rocket was last seen flying in the direction of Iowa.



The spot landing contest was a close race that came down to 7 paces by Cadet Tom Lawrence (l) and Brady Neuman (r) Photo: SM Jim Klein, Valley Sqdn

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Many people asked that the event be posted early so that they could have extra time to prepare. We will again be trying for the 3rd week of July for our event date. Since we have done the Scale Model, duration and spot landing contests we have decided that next years event will be an altitude competition. How high can you fly it AND be able to find it again? Multistaging is ok!

We plan to offer a Senior Trophy for the next years event so seniors start sanding and gluing. You could be the first name on the trophy!

Capt Jay Craswell
130th Squadron

AIR EXPO 2002

Capt Don Dalton

The annual Air Expo sponsored by the Wings of the North was held on 20-21 July 2002 at Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie Minnesota. The Fort Snelling Cadet Squadron was in attendance with a recruiting booth and volunteer duty.

With several thousand people in attendance it was a premiere event for recruiting. The work during this event is starting to pay off already with many calls inquiring about CAP and at least six visitors to the squadron.

The volunteer tasks that the squadron was involved with included: Plane guard, which covered watching the aircraft so no one would cause any damage to the display and assuring that no one was smoking in the area. The cadets had the opportunity to hang around some vintage aircraft and interact with the crews. Also included in the tasking was directing traffic at the parking area and after show clean up.

It was a very hot weekend but a very worthwhile event. All the squadron volunteers are invited to the Volunteer Picnic where there will be free food and the possibility of a ride in a vintage AT-6 Trojan World War II trainer.

Wings of the North will again be looking for volunteers for next years show. Stay tuned for more information to come.

A special thanks goes to the Viking Composite Squadron for providing an aircraft for the recruiting display. It was a great recruiting tool and a super way to tell the public about "America's best kept secret".

FORT SHELLING'S FIRST AIRMAN TRAINING DAY

Capt Don Dalton

Sponsored by the Fort Snelling Cadet Squadron the First Annual Airman Training covered quite a bit of ground, literally. With seventeen cadet and senior members in attendance the day was filled with classroom and practical Drill and Ceremony training. The training was held at the 934th Air Force Reserve Base on 27 July 2002.

Both cadets and seniors participated in the training covering basic drill including: Uniform inspection and class, marching in step, formations, marching with a guidon, customs and courtesies and, marching with cadence.

Prizes were awarded for Most Proficient Cadet, Most Improved Cadet, Most Knowledgeable Cadet Staff member and Senior member who drove the farthest for training. The winners were: Most Proficient Cadet went to C/A1C Amanda Danielson from the Fort Snelling Cadet Squadron, Most Improved Cadet went to C/Amn Blake Clerico from the Red Wing Composite Squadron, Most Knowledgeable Cadet Staff went to C/CMSgt Bart Werness from the Valley Cadet Squadron drill Down Winner C'SSgt Jonathan Scholberg and the Senior that drove the farthest was Capt Lambert Zenner from St. Cloud Senior Squadron.

Other Minnesota Wing members attending the training were: Maj Doug Kilian Activity Commander, Capt Don Dalton Project Officer, Capt Dave Vaillancourt Activity Deputy Commander, Capt Luke Wegner Chief Instructor, 1LT Stacy Wegner Assistant Instructor, 2 LT Ruth Danielson, C/SMSgt Jonathan Buss, C/SMSgt Jimmy McCarthy, C/SMSgt Kevin Sperling, C/MSgt Greg Matson, C/Amn Michael Buss, C/Amn Jake Danielson, C/Amn Nathan Lundeen, C/Amn Shoshna Lucas, C/Amn Valerie King, C/Amn Joe Homan.

After a long, hard day of training every cadet took back some skills to their squadrons that will serve both themselves and their squadrons well throughout their Civil Air Patrol careers.

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Officers Complete Region Staff College



Major's Steve Miller, Tom Kettell, Doug Kilian, Bob Gaffer and Vicki Eckhoff along with Captain Charlotte Miller completed the 2002 North Central Region, Region Staff College held at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha Nebraska.

The course curriculum included: Ethics and Leadership, Conflict Management, personality types, Customs and Courtesies, Aerospace Education, Emergency Services and also toured the Strategic Command.

130th / Valley Picnic a success!

Capt Jay Craswell

Although dark clouds scared a few people off a healthy number of members of the Valley Cadet Squadron and the 130th Composite squadron participated yesterday in an informal picnic at Memorial Park in Prior Lake.

Civil Air Patrol members, family and friends munched on Picnic food got a chance to meet members from each others squadrons and renew the good friendships that have been made between units. Thanks to the efforts of bowling maestro Lt Steve Jazwinski the party continued to the Lakeville Bowl. Lt Jazwinski arranged to have the Lakeville Bowl stay open on its day off to afford the members of both units 8 lanes of bowling fun. Perennial bowling champs Valley were knocked off for the first time ever by team 130.

The two high and two low scores from each squadron were combined with the high scores of 105 and 117 from Valley BOTH coming from C/Maj Scicluna! However his efforts were in vain as the 130ths "ringer" Cadet Airman Scott Mitchell posted a 175. The other high score of 122 from 130th was a tie between Cadet Airman Taylor West and seniors Roesler and (No, I don't believe it) Craswell?

Hopefully the rivalry is once again set for a return grudge match next year. *Notes the rivalry is fun but it's really neat to get together with guys from other squadrons and swap ideas and make friends. As we learned long ago the nearby units may well be the ones to come to your assistance and help to save the day.

Owatonna Cadet Command Change and Recognition Night

On July 2nd, the Owatonna Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol installed a new Cadet Commander and awarded three milestone promotions to members. State Representative Connie Ruth of Owatonna presented the promotions.

Cadet Captain Michael Moreland was presented his Amelia Earhart Award, which is earned after completing the first eleven achievements of the cadet program and receipt of the General Billy Mitchell Award. In addition, Michael had to pass an arduous 100 question examination testing aerospace topics, leadership theory and staff topics. Since its inception over 30 years ago, nearly 10,000 cadets nationwide have earned this prestigious award.

Cadet Second Lieutenant April Hewitt was presented her General Billy Mitchell Award, which is earned after completing the first eight achievements of the cadet program. In addition April had to pass an arduous 100-question examination testing leadership theory and aerospace topics. Since its inception over 30 years ago, over 42,000 cadets have earned this honor.

Second Lieutenant Diane Eckers, Senior Member, received her commission in the Civil Air Patrol. Diane has been a member of the Owatonna Squadron since December 2001. She serves as the Public Affairs Officer for the Squadron.

Following the promotions, a change of command ceremony was performed to install a new Cadet Commander for the Squadron. Cadet Second Lieutenant April Hewitt has served in the position for the past two years. During this time the number of cadets has increased from 12 to more than 30. Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Jesse Decker, of Owatonna, will serve as the new Cadet Commander.

The Owatonna Squadron currently meets at Bethel Church at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. In a few weeks the meetings will move to the new headquarters trailer located at the Glen Degner Regional Airport in Owatonna.

- 2d Lt Diane Eckers

Photos: Owatonna Sqdn/PA



Cadet Capt Mike Moreland with his Earhart Award.



Cadet 2d Lt April Hewitt with her Mitchell Award.



Cadet April Hewitt helps cadet Jesse Decker celebrate the change of Cadet Command at Owatonna Squadron.

Commentary: A top-10 list you didn't expect

by Maj. Elizabeth Thomas
U.S. Air Force Honor Guard commander

07/12/02 - **BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN)** -- How many speeches have you heard over the course of your career at professional military education graduations where you actually remember the words uttered by the guest speaker? I try to pay attention to each and every speaker and take to heart the message they are conveying. I am almost embarrassed to admit that after the dessert dishes are cleared away and the awards presented to the exemplary graduates, those important messages are often already starting to fade in my memory.

I don't believe that I am disregarding the importance of the speaker's words of wisdom. However, I think it takes a simple and "down-home" message for it to remain vividly on my mind and keep my thought process focused.

Recently, at a noncommissioned officer academy graduation ceremony, the guest speaker made reference to a speech that he had heard earlier in the month. Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Keane, Air Combat Command's command chief master sergeant, said something to the effect of the importance of knowing the 10 most important words to know to be successful in the Air Force. As I was sitting in my chair, I was expecting something profound to be listed. I was anticipating eloquent verbiage that would most likely require me to get out a dictionary. I was pleasantly surprised with his rendition of the 10 words. After he recited the list, I truly believed that he was absolutely right and I felt the exact same way without really realizing it.

He said the most important words for a military member to use to be successful are: "Yes sir," "No sir," "Yes ma'am," "No ma'am," "Please" and "Thank you."

Those are 10 words that each and every one of us probably learned to spell before we entered second grade. Most likely, our parents stressed the importance of being respectful to our elders and being well-mannered children. Growing up, I know that those 10 words were part of my everyday life and I was expected to use them. In my youth, I would have never considered what I was taught about good manners would be a tool to be successful in life. Now, since the guest speaker has reintroduced to me these words, I am fully aware of the power they contain.

"Yes sir," "No sir," "Yes ma'am" and "No ma'am" are simple phrases that are not just reserved for those who outrank you. They are words used to be respectful. To me, there is nothing more annoying than when you're watching those old-time military movies and the young "butter-bar" calls the crusty old senior enlisted guy "sir" and the enlisted leader says, "Don't call me sir, I work for a living."

I don't believe that an individual's rank has anything to do with the amount of respect that should be given. I will be just as respectful to one of my airman as I would be to the chief of staff. There is nothing wrong with a field grade officer saying "Yes sir" to an airman. It shows a level of respect for the individual as an individual, regardless of a lesser rank. We should all be respectful of each other if we want to be successful.

"Please" and "Thank you" pack power too. When you ask one of your troops to accomplish a task, how hard is it to say "Please" or "Thank you"? It doesn't take much more than half a second to utter and if you make it routine, it will flow in your vocabulary. Just because you asked politely for a task to be done, the order doesn't become less substantial.

My parents stressed respect in our daily lives and didn't hesitate to remind my brothers and me if we failed to be courteous. "Please" and "Thank you" make the positive first impression. "Please" and "Thank you" impresses your chain of command. "Please" and "Thank you" are merely three syllables in the English language, yet they have an enormous impact when they are used.

I always listen quietly to distinguished speakers at events, hoping to better myself by taking in the messages they portray. I've found that you never know which speaker will impact you greatly -- the one who leaves a lasting impression and you feel the need to share it with others. Chief Master Sgt. Keane provided me the insight to realize the importance of simple words taught to me in my youth. Those 10 words are the most important in my vocabulary and by using them regularly, I do believe that I will be a successful Air Force member.

'Twas the First Night of Blue Cap or an Account of a Visit to Big Woods

C/SMSgt Jonathan Buss & Co. Fort Snelling Cadet Squadron Newsletter

'Twas the first night of Blue Cap, when all through the woods All the creatures were stirring, because we could. All the tents were lined up, and staked in with care, In hopes that sleep soon would be there.

The campsite was filled with a whole lot of creatures From lions and tigers and bears and the skeeters... Mosquitoes so thick that they scared off the others, the lions, tigers and bears ran off for their mothers...

All the cadets were nestled tight snug in their beds, While visions of real food danced in their heads And Lieutenant in his leaves and I on my pad, Needed some Motrin (real, real bad!) When out of his "tent" the Lieutenant arouse (that tent word is "iffy") Intending a quick trip to the Biffy In the tree, through the light of the moon, What did he see, but a mad mama raccoon.

In the morn, the Captain gathered them all for his class Teaching and testing to make sure they pass. He told them of searches, comms, shelters and more Then he sent them on hikes until they were sore. As I watched the cadets with their paper and match, Hoping that soon, the fire would catch. But what happened next was simply absurd, The first match went out, and the second and third.

I brought them a present I knew that they needed, A branch that was burning...Gee, they succeeded. Now that the fire was going and producing some heat, They said "Maybe we should have brought something to EAT" The ELT was settled all snug on the ground The cadets were all hoping that it soon would be found. Up hill and down, through the field and the brush Knowing the Major was not going to rush. On Dalton, On Peebles, On Buss One and Two, Bell, Bergstrom, and Grosland To name just a few.

To the top of the falls As Major Mandel calls for us to learn ES And our squadron to be the best. We searched through the day and on through the night When we found out it was moved, we were ready to fight. When Lieutenant and Sergeant became Harassment Team One, We knew that the games had really begun.

Finally on Sunday, while preparing to leave, (We all know his timing is hard to believe) The Captain taught them of fires built the right way But that should be taught the very FIRST day. We held line searches next, to clean up our spaces. We rolled up our tents and packed our suitcases. After a long but fun weekend we collapsed in a heap, We headed for home to catch up on our sleep.

Now the children are back from a trip to the camp Thankful the weather was not even damp. With the lack of Nintendo, X Box and Cube They finally crashed out in front of the tube. Now they are home, where everything's powered And things are all better, now that they've showered.

Dreaming of August, the next trip to the site They all ate McDonalds and said "To All a Good Night"
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